

## FERRY-BOAT CUTS LIGHTER IN TWO

Kingston, of West Shore Line, Crashes Into Copper-Laden Craft at Entrance to Franklin Street Slip.

### WHISTLE SIGNALS WERE MISUNDERSTOOD.

All Passengers Thrown from Seats by Force of Collision—Ferryboat Towed to Weehawken for Repairs.

Through a misunderstanding of whistle signals the ferryboat Kingston, of the West Shore line, from Weehawken, collided with the steam lighter Columbia, loaded with 200 tons of copper, off the Franklin street slip today. The lighter was sunk, but Capt. J. H. Smith and his crew of four men were rescued by the crew of the Kingston.

There were about fifteen passengers aboard the Kingston on her trip down the river. Entering the slip the pilot made allowance for the strong tide, and was going ahead at full speed when the lighter loomed up in front of him out of the mist. He signalled that he would keep on his course and the signals were answered, but it was too late to avoid a collision. The ferryboat struck the lighter amidships and broke her in two. Owing to the impetus of the ferryboat the wrecked lighter was pushed

to the entrance of the slip before she sank. Capt. Smith and his men, knowing that their craft was doomed, clambered aboard the ferryboat without delay. The captain was the last to leave, reaching safety just as the water covered the deck of the Columbia. Owing to the cold, none of the passengers of the ferryboat were on the forward deck. All were thrown from their seats by the force of the collision. The Kingston made her slip and discharged her passengers, after which she was towed to dry-dock at Weehawken for repairs.

The Columbia was owned by the United Metal Selling Company, of No. 11 Broadway. She was on her way to Hoboken for water when the collision occurred.

As the Columbia rests at the bottom of the North River she represents a loss to her owners—with the cargo—of about \$50,000, but it is believed that all the copper will be recovered. A wrecking company has already been engaged to dredge for it.

**FATHER WAS TOO NOISY.**

Daughter Charges Parent with Disorderly Conduct.

James Bowers, of Astoria, whose son Philip is head gardener for President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, was arraigned in Long Island City Police Court today, charged by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Lange, of No. 37 Bartow street, with disorderly conduct.

Bowers, who is a farmer employed during the summer on big estates up the Hudson River, came from Tarrytown a few days ago with plenty of money, and his daughter says that he has been trying to knock her house down ever since.

"My children," said Bowers to the magistrate, "have thrown me down in my old age. I disown my daughter here."

The magistrate heavily fined Bowers in \$500 bail for examination.

**NOTED EDUCATOR DEAD.**

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Daniel C. Farr, Ph. D., for twenty-five years principal of the Glens Falls Academy, is dead at his home here. He was fifty-six years old, a graduate of Williams College and one of the founders of the Hudson River Schoolmasters' Club and of the Associated Academics Principals of New York. He was also one of the founders of the New York State Historical Society and was for number of years its vice-president. The magistrate was taken to Ashby, Mass., for interment.

## FOUR SMALL BOYS REAL BANDITS NOW

Christmas Approach and Empty Pockets Turn the Youngsters Into Juvenile Highwaymen and They Rob a Woman.

There were just four of them in the gang. They travelled about from store window to store window rubbing at Christmas toys until their hearts were filled with great longings. They looked at the heaps of candy until the water dripped from their mouths and their stomachs were painfully conscious.

They had no money. To them the situation was desperate.

While deliberating as to how to satisfy the cravings of their stomachs and the longings in their hearts an angel came around the corner. She was not the sort of an angel one reads about in the story books, nor was she like the good Samaritan who looks about for poor small boys at Christmas time and makes them happy with heaps of toys and good things.

But she was an angel just the same, for she carried in her hand a fat pocketbook which presented to the youngsters all sorts of possibilities.

**The Angel Robbed.**

There was a quick consultation. Plans were laid at once. The angel was suddenly started out of her placid attitude by the rush of the gang. The next moment her pocketbook was gone and she was staring helplessly at the flying coat-tails of the four youngsters who were travelling down Amsterdam avenue faster than they ever ran before.

All this happened on the corner of Sixty-fourth street.

Mrs. Thomas Maloney, for that was

the angel's name, did the best thing she could. She went to the police station and told what had happened. She gave a fairly accurate description of the boys.

While she was relating her story the four youngsters were filling up on ice-cream in a store not far away. Then they thought candy enough to feed a regiment. Afterward they visited a department store and proceeded to buy all of those things which they had longed for and which had tempted them to annex Mrs. Maloney's pocketbook. They bought tin horns, harmonicas, a locomotive and other things that delight the small boy and make existence bearable.

**Go to the Theatre.**

They elected to go to the theatre. They did their way to the Comedy Theatre, at Sixty-fifth street and Amsterdam avenue, and there they sat contentedly munching peanuts, and not a care in the world. They had long ago forgotten all about Mrs. Maloney.

There was an avenging Nemesis on their trail, however, in the shape of Policeman Hearn. He found by inquiry that John Grasser, ten years old, of No. 206 West Sixty-fourth street; William Gibbs, ten years old, of No. 8 Amsterdam avenue; Edward Fitzgerald, seven years old, of No. 236 West Sixty-fifth street; and his brother James, eleven years old, were missing.

By the absence of observation and deduction Hearn concluded, after the manner of Sherlock Holmes, that these were the boys he was looking for, and the first place that he went to was the gallery of the Comedy Theatre, where he found his quarry.

All they had left out of the \$4.68 which Mrs. Maloney had had in her pocketbook was five cents. The boys were scared to death when the policeman looked charge of them, and each accused the other of taking the purse. Hearn took all of them to the station-house.

**EXPLOSION FOLLOWS FIRE.**

(Special to The Evening World.) TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 16.—Fire today did \$60,000 damage to the Skillman Hardware Manufacturing plant. While firemen fought the flames a heater exploded in an engine-house, partially wrecking and firing the building and doing \$7,000 damage.

## YOUNG WOMAN SAYS SHE IS A FORGER

Mrs. Catherine Pratt Confesses that She Tried to Pass Checks Purporting to Be Signed by Wealthy Man.

Catherine O'Donnell, alias Pratt, of No. 330 West Eighteenth street, was held without bail this morning by Recorder Stanton, charged with passing false checks and forger in signing the name of Robert Heltmeyer, a millionaire pocketbook-maker, of No. 812 Hudson street, Hoboken.

The four complainants who appeared in court against the young woman are John P. O'Hara, undertaker, of No. 309 Washington street; Charles Sinker, druggist, of No. 450 First street; William Rudolph, grocer, of No. 808 Washington street; and Charles Kaegbehn, saloonkeeper, of Washington street.

All testified to having received and cashed checks except Kaegbehn, who said he knew Heltmeyer's signature and when he saw the check presented he knew it was a forgery and called a policeman yesterday and had the woman arrested.

A scene was created in court this morning when the defendant's sister

and brother appeared and embraced her. While they were excited the prisoner was calm and did not seem at all affected. Kaegbehn then asked to withdraw his complaint. This the Recorder refused to permit, and the woman was held without bail.

On being questioned she said her name was Mrs. Catherine Pratt. When in reply to questions she said that she had been married for a couple of years to a dentist named Thomas P. Pratt, of Hoboken, her relatives displayed astonishment. Mrs. Pratt wore a wedding ring and said she had a marriage certificate, but that her husband left her about a year ago and went West.

Robert Heltmeyer was in the building while the trial was going on this morning, but he did not go into the court-room. When asked by a reporter if he knew Mrs. or Mr. Pratt, he said he did not, but he did know her as Miss O'Donnell.

The young woman made a confession to the Chief of Police yesterday, but being a non-committing magistrate, he could not examine her.

**WOMAN DIES IN MARKET.**

Mrs. Catherine McNeill Stricken with Heart Failure.

Mrs. Catherine McNeill, sixty-five years old, who made her home with her son John, at No. 236 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, died suddenly today in the Century Market at No. 232 Eighth avenue.

When she entered the store she said she was ill and the employees procured restoratives. For a moment she seemed to feel better. An ambulance was sent for from the Flood Wright Hospital, but before Dr. Fannestock arrived Mr. McNeill fell back in her chair dead. The ambulance surgeon pronounced death due to heart failure.

## MISSING GIRLS ARE FOUND.

They Disappeared from Brooklyn on Saturday.

Relatives of Florence Reeves and Besie Mordough, who disappeared from their homes in Brooklyn on Saturday, went to Marchville today, having received word through the police that the girls had been found there. A reward of \$250 had been offered for them. The police were notified by telegram that the girls were in the care of a Mrs. Brownell at Marchville. No explanation came with the message, and how the girls happened to go so far north is not known.

**"Little Tim" Made Leader.**

"Big Tim" Sullivan transferred by proxy his crown of leadership for the second time to "Little Tim" Sullivan at the club-rooms of the T. D. Sullivan Association, No. 207 Bowery, last night.

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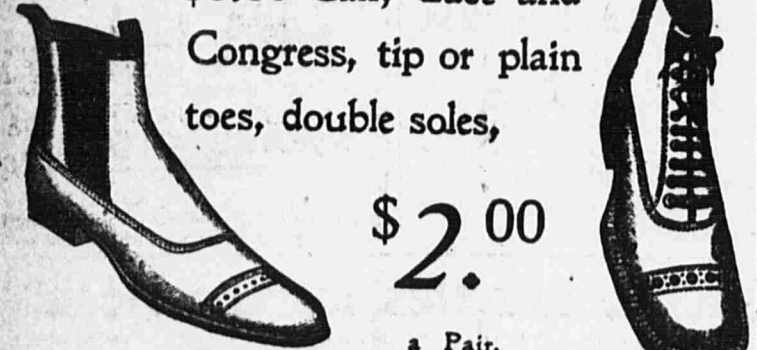
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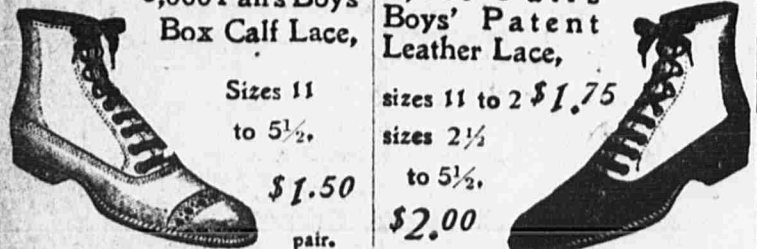
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20,000 Pairs Men's \$3.00 Calf, Lace and Congress, tip or plain toes, double soles,



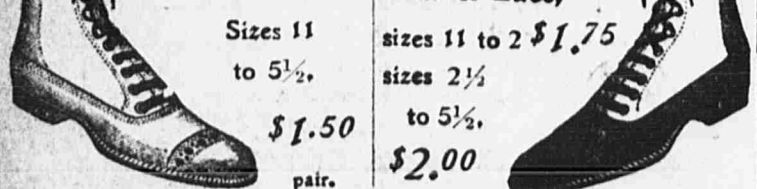
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5,000 Pairs Boys' Box Calf Lace,



Sizes 11 to 5½, \$1.50 pair.

5,000 Pairs Boys' Patent Leather Lace,



Sizes 11 to 2½ \$1.75, sizes 2½ to 5½, \$2.00.

20,000 Pairs Men's Satin Calf Lace, regularly sold at \$2.00,



\$1.25 a pair.



25,000 Pairs Women's \$3.50 Black Kid Lace, patent leather tips, welt sole and kid tips in turn sole,

\$2.00 a pair.



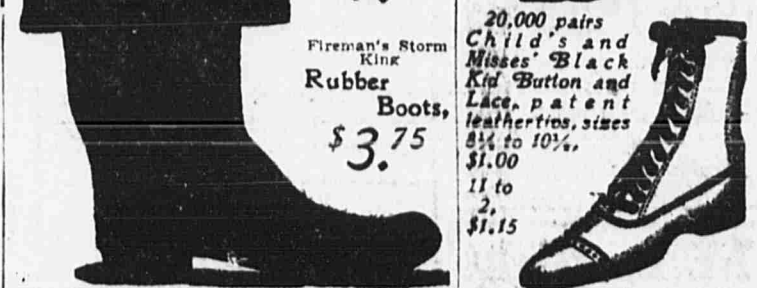
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	Solid Gold Ring, 2 perfect and white diamonds; actual value \$25.00; price, \$8.75.		Solid Gold Snake Ring, head set with genuine diamond and ruby; actual value \$8.50; price, \$4.50.		Men's Gypsy Ring, heavily carved and set with two large and brilliant diamonds, and emerald or ruby centre, actual value \$25.00; price, \$8.75.
	Two-stone genuine Diamond Ring, weighing ¾ carat, actual value \$50.00; price, \$30.00.		Solid Gold Ring, for ladies, set with genuine diamond, actual value \$16.00; price, \$6.50.		Cluster Scarf Pin, emerald, ruby or turquoise centre; actual value \$30; price, \$12.50.
	Solid Gold Knot Scarf Pin, set with genuine diamond, price, \$2.00.		Solid gold Link Buttons, set with a genuine diamond in star setting; value, \$15.00; price, \$5.75.		Solid gold Scarf Pin, set with genuine diamond, price, \$3.50.
	Genuine diamond Stud, fancy setting, actual value, \$6.50; price, \$3.75.				

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